SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

BID NUMBER: ACSR116/2019
VALIDITY PERIOD: 90 DAYS
CLOSING TIME: 11:00
CLOSING DATE: 04 OCTOBER 2019

SUBJECT - PROVISION OF DIGITAL E-LENDING LIBRARY SUBSCRIPTION (E-BOOKS) FOR NORTH WEST PROVINCIAL LIBRARY SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS

1 You are invited to submit a bid for the provision of digital e-lending library subscription (e-books) for North West Provincial Library Services for a period of three (3) years.

2 The conditions contained in the General Conditions of Contract (GCC), the attached Terms of Reference, any other conditions accompanying the bid document and the conditions in the advertisement of this bid are applicable.

3 The work procedure the bidder proposes to follow in order to obtain the required result must be clearly outlined and its terms may not conflict with those contained in the General Conditions of Contract.

4 Bid validity period is a period of 90 days.

5 No late, faxed and emailed bids will be considered. Bids received after the closing date and time at the address indicated in the bid documents, will not be accepted for consideration.

6 It is imperative that the bid document be read carefully, completed in full and be signed. Queries can be directed to Ms. Nobandile Madwanya: 018 388 3753 (Supply Chain) or Mr Ian Segone: 018 388 3962/65 (for specifications)

6 The Department is not bound to accept any of the bids submitted and reserves the right to call for presentations from shortlisted bidders before final selection.
8. A non-refundable fee of R500.00 (cash) is payable for this document at office No. 30, contact details: 018 388 2663- Gaabomotho Building. The non-refundable fee does not apply to service providers who can download tender documents on the e-tender publication portal website.

9. All the documents accompanying this invitation to bid must be completed in detail and signed where applicable, be sealed in an envelope and be deposited in the bid box before the closing date and time. The bid box is situated at 760 DR JAMES MOROKA DRIVE, GAABOMOTHO BUILDING, DEPARTMENT OF ARTS, CULTURE, SPORT & RECREATION, MMABATHO 2735.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

(i) The Department of Arts, Culture, Sport and Recreation does not guarantee that the successful bidder will receive any extra work during the execution of this project.

(ii) All prospective bidders (s) shall have to treat all available data provided by the department in the process as strictly confidential and not for any form of distribution or use unless an express written approval is obtained in advance from the Head of the Department.

(iii) Should the Department of Arts, Culture, Sport and Recreation find out that the company/entity has misled it with regard to information submitted, that may unfairly advantage the company/entity with regard to the evaluation of the company/entity, the Department reserves the right to take whatever action it deems fit that is within the law.
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NON-COMPULSORY BRIEFING SESSION

All Bidders must kindly note that the briefing session will be held on:

DATE : 26 September 2019
TIME : 13:00
VENUE : Provincial Archives Auditorium (Cnr University Drive & Dr Albert Luthuli Drive)

Bidders are requested to be seated at 12:45

For further information:-

ENQUIRIES : Nobandile Madwanya
TEL : 018 388 3753

NB/ Bidders must obtain a copy of the bid document before attending the briefing session
INVITATION TO BID

PROVISION OF DIGITAL E-LENDING
LIBRARY SUBSCRIPTION (E-BOOKS)
FOR NORTH WEST PROVINCIAL
LIBRARY SERVICES FOR A PERIOD
OF THREE (3) YEARS

REF NUMBER: ACSR116/2019

ADDRESS
Head of department
Department of Arts, Culture, Sports Recreation
Gaabomotho Building
760 Dr. James Moroka Drive
Private Bag X90
Mmabatho 2735

ENQUIRIES
Nobandile Madwanya
018 388 3753
EVALUATION CRITERIA

Evaluation of bids will be conducted in accordance with the Preferential Procurement Policy Regulations 2017, issued in terms of section 5 of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (PPPFA) No 5 of 2000.

The evaluation of bids will consist of the following stages

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<td>Bids will be assessed to verify bidders capability and ability to execute the contract</td>
<td>Bids will be evaluated in terms of 80/20 preference point system</td>
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<td>Bidders that do not comply with the compulsory requirements will be automatically eliminated</td>
<td>Bidders scoring less than 50 points during this stage of the evaluation will be eliminated and shall not be considered for the next stage of evaluation which is based on price and B-BBBEE status level of contributor</td>
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Stage 1: Administrative Compliance

✓ Cover page
✓ Signed SBD 1: Invitation to bid
✓ Fully filled in Pricing schedule- non-firm prices (purchases) (SBD 3.2)
✓ Fully filled in and signed commitment and declaration of interest (SBD 4)
✓ Fully filled in, witnessed and signed preference points claim form of the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2017 (SBD 6.1)
✓ Fully answered and signed declaration of bidders past Supply Chain Management Practices (SBD 8)
✓ Fully filled in and signed Certificate of Independent Bid determination (SBD9)
✓ General Conditions of Contract
✓ Proof of registration on the National Treasury Central Supplier Database (CSD) e.g. CSD report
Valid Tax Clearance Certificate / Tax Compliance Status verification Pin issued by SARS

CIPC Certificate

ID Copies of the shareholders

Valid B-BBEE Certificate (BEE Accreditation is strictly required to be obtained from a SANAS registered BEE Verification Agency only. Tenderers who qualify as Exempted Micro Enterprises (EME) must submit a sworn affidavit signed by the EME representative and attested by a commissioner of oaths).

In case of a joint venture the following documents to be submitted

- Valid joint venture agreement signed by all parties and witnessed
- Consolidated B-BBEE Certificate (if not consolidated preference points will be 0)
- Valid Tax Clearance Certificate of all parties
- Company profile of all parties

Company profile (including organizational structure of the company, proof of previous work undertaken in this respect contactable references, credentials/CV i.e. experience and qualifications of key personnel/ project team members)
Stage 2: Functionality

A total of 50 points is allocated for functionality evaluation according to the following criteria:

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Total points for functionality: 100

Any bidder who does not meet the minimum threshold of **50 points** will be eliminated, and will not be considered for the next stage of evaluation which is based on price and BBBEE status level of contributor.
Stage 3: 80/20 PREFERENTIAL POINTS SYSTEM

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<td><strong>TOTAL POINTS FOR PRICE, B-BBEE</strong></td>
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Regards

[Signature]

MS T.F. NAPHAKADE
DIRECTOR: SCM

DATE: 2019/09/17
RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS

SHOULD ANY OF THE RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS NOT BE COMPLETED AND ATTACHED, YOUR BID WILL BE DISQUALIFIED (where documents submitted please indicate with yes)

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| 15. Joint Venture to submit  
  - copy of the Joint Venture Agreement  
  - a consolidated joint venture B-BBEE certificate |                           |                         |                          |
| 16. Company profile reflecting the previous work done relevant to the project |                                         |                         |                          |
## PART A
### INVITATION TO BID

You are hereby invited to bid for requirements of the **(Name of Department/Public Entity)**

**Bid Number:** ACSR116/2019  
**Closing Date:** 04 October 2019  
**Closing Time:** 11:00

**Description:** Provision of Digital E-Lending Library Subscription (e-Books) for North West Provincial Library Services for a period of three (3) years

**The Successful Bidder will be required to fill in and sign a written contract form (SBD7).**

**Bid Response Documents may be deposited in the bid box situated at (Street Address).**

**780 Dr James Moroka Drive**  
**Gaabomotho Building**  
**Mmabatho 2735**

### Supplier Information

**Name of Bidder:**

**Postal Address:**

**Street Address:**

**Telephone Number**  
**Code**  
**Number**

**Facsimile Number**  
**Code**  
**Number**

**E-Mail Address:**

**VAT Registration Number:**

**B-BBEE Status Level Verification Certificate**  
**[Tick Applicable Box]**

**An Accounting Officer As Contemplated in the Close Corporation Act (CCA)**

**A Verification Agency Accredited by the South African Accreditation System (SANAS)**

**A Registered Auditor**

**TCS PIN:**

**OR**

**CSD No:**

**If yes, who was the certificate issued by?**

**Are you the accredited representative in South Africa for the goods/services/works offered?**

**Yes**  
**No**

**If yes enclose proof**

**Are you a foreign based supplier for the goods/services/works offered?**

**Yes**  
**No**

**[If yes answer Part B:3 below]**

### Signature of Bidder

**Signature of Bidder:**

**Date:**

### Total Bidding Number of Items Offered

**Total Bid Price (All Inclusive):**

### Bidding Procedure Enquiries May Be Directed To:

**Department/Public Entity:**

**Arts, Culture, Sport & Recreation**

**Contact Person:**

**Rosa de Klerk**

**Telephone Number:**

**018 388 3964/65**

**Facsimile Number:**

**018 388 1909**

**E-Mail Address:**

**Rdeklkrk@nwpg.gov.za**

**Telephone Number:**

**018 388 3753**

**Facsimile Number:**

**086 263 4489**

**E-Mail Address:**

**Nmadvanyangw.gov.za**
# PART B
## TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING

### 1. BID SUBMISSION:

1.1. BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED BY THE STIPULATED TIME TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS. LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION.

1.2. ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL FORMS PROVIDED—(NOT TO BE RE-TYPED) OR ONLINE

1.3. BIDDERS MUST REGISTER ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD) TO UPLOAD MANDATORY INFORMATION NAMELY: (BUSINESS REGISTRATION/DIRECTORSHIP/MEMBERSHIP/IDENTITY NUMBERS; TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS; AND BANKING INFORMATION FOR VERIFICATION PURPOSES). B-BBEE CERTIFICATE OR SWEAR AFFIDAVIT FOR B-BBEE MUST BE SUBMITTED TO BIDDING INSTITUTION.

1.4. WHERE A BIDDER IS NOT REGISTERED ON THE CSD, MANDATORY INFORMATION NAMELY: (BUSINESS REGISTRATION/DIRECTORSHIP/MEMBERSHIP/IDENTITY NUMBERS; TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS MAY NOT BE SUBMITTED WITH THE BID DOCUMENTATION. B-BBEE CERTIFICATE OR SWEAR AFFIDAVIT FOR B-BBEE MUST BE SUBMITTED TO BIDDING INSTITUTION.

1.5. THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT 2000 AND THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2017, THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER LEGISLATION OR SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.

### 2. TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

2.1. BIDDERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS.

2.2. BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR UNIQUE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN) ISSUED BY SARS TO ENABLE THE ORGAN OF STATE TO VIEW THE TAXPAYER'S PROFILE AND TAX STATUS.

2.3. APPLICATION FOR TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) OR PIN MAY ALSO BE MADE VIA E-FILING. IN ORDER TO USE THIS PROVISION, TAXPAYERS WILL NEED TO REGISTER WITH SARS AS E-FILERS THROUGH THE WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA.

2.4. BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS TOGETHER WITH THE BID.

2.5. IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA/JOINT VENTURES/SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED, EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE PROOF OF TCS/PIN/CSD NUMBER.

2.6. WHERE NO TCS IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.

### 3. QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS

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IF THE ANSWER IS "NO" TO ALL OF THE ABOVE, THEN, IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN A TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS / TAX COMPLIANCE SYSTEM PIN CODE FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE (SARS) AND IF NOT REGISTER AS PER 2.3 ABOVE.

**NB:** FAILURE TO PROVIDE ANY OF THE ABOVE PARTICULARS MAY RENDER THE BID INVALID.
PRICING SCHEDULE – NON-FIRM PRICES (PURCHASES)

NOTE: PRICE ADJUSTMENTS WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE PERIODS AND TIMES SPECIFIED IN THE BIDDING DOCUMENTS.

IN CASES WHERE DIFFERENT DELIVERY POINTS INFLUENCE THE PRICING, A SEPARATE PRICING SCHEDULE MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR EACH DELIVERY POINT

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OFFER TO BE VALID FOR 90 DAYS FROM THE CLOSING DATE OF BID.

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**all applicable taxes” includes value-added tax, pay as you earn, income tax, unemployment insurance fund contributions and skills development levies.

*Delete if not applicable
PRICE ADJUSTMENTS

A. NON-FIRM PRICES SUBJECT TO ESCALATION

1. IN CASES OF PERIOD CONTRACTS, NON FIRM PRICES WILL BE ADJUSTED (LOADED) WITH THE ASSESSED CONTRACT PRICE ADJUSTMENTS IMPLICIT IN NON FIRM PRICES WHEN CALCULATING THE COMPARATIVE PRICES

2. IN THIS CATEGORY PRICE ESCALATIONS WILL ONLY BE CONSIDERED IN TERMS OF THE FOLLOWING FORMULA:

\[ Pa = (1-V)Pt \left( \frac{D1}{R1o} + \frac{D2}{R2o} + \frac{D3}{R3o} + \frac{D4}{R4o} \right) + VPt \]

Where:

- \( Pa \) = The new escalated price to be calculated.
- \( (1-V)Pt \) = 85% of the original bid price. Note that Pt must always be the original bid price and not an escalated price.
- \( D1, D2, \ldots \) = Each factor of the bid price eg. labour, transport, clothing, footwear, etc. The total of the various factors \( D1, D2 \ldots \) etc. must add up to 100%.
- \( R1t, R2t, \ldots \) = Index figure obtained from new index (depends on the number of factors used).
- \( R1o, R2o \) = Index figure at time of bidding.
- \( VPt \) = 15% of the original bid price. This portion of the bid price remains firm i.e. it is not subject to any price escalations.

3. The following index/indices must be used to calculate your bid price:

   Index......... Dated.........   Index......... Dated.........   Index......... Dated.........

   Index......... Dated.........   Index......... Dated.........   Index......... Dated.........

4. FURNISH A BREAKDOWN OF YOUR PRICE IN TERMS OF ABOVE-MENTIONED FORMULA. THE TOTAL OF THE VARIOUS FACTORS MUST ADD UP TO 100%.

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B  PRICES SUBJECT TO RATE OF EXCHANGE VARIATIONS

1. Please furnish full particulars of your financial institution, state the currencies used in the conversion of the prices of the items to South African currency, which portion of the price is subject to rate of exchange variations and the amounts remitted abroad.

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2. Adjustments for rate of exchange variations during the contract period will be calculated by using the average monthly exchange rates as issued by your commercial bank for the periods indicated hereunder: (Proof from bank required)

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<th>AVERAGE MONTHLY EXCHANGE RATES FOR THE PERIOD:</th>
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DECLARATION OF INTEREST

1. Any legal person, including persons employed by the state\(^1\), or persons having a kinship with persons employed by the state, including a blood relationship, may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid (includes a price quotation, advertised competitive bid, limited bid or proposal). In view of possible allegations of favouritism, should the resulting bid, or part thereof, be awarded to persons employed by the state, or to persons connected with or related to them, it is required that the bidder or his/her authorised representative declare his/her position in relation to the evaluating/adjudicating authority and/or take an oath declaring his/her interest, where-

- the bidder is employed by the state; and/or

- the legal person on whose behalf the bidding document is signed, has a relationship with persons/a person who are/is involved in the evaluation and or adjudication of the bid(s), or where it is known that such a relationship exists between the person or persons for or on whose behalf the declarant acts and persons who are involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of the bid.

2. In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.

2.1 Full Name of bidder or his or her representative: ...........................................................................

2.2 Identity Number: ...........................................................................................................

2.3 Position occupied in the Company (director, trustee, shareholder\(^2\)): ...........................................

2.4 Company Registration Number: ........................................................................................

2.5 Tax Reference Number: .................................................................................................

2.6 VAT Registration Number: ............................................................................................

2.6.1 The names of all directors / trustees / shareholders / members, their individual identity numbers, tax reference numbers and, if applicable, employee / persal numbers must be indicated in paragraph 3 below.

**State** means –
(a) any national or provincial department, national or provincial public entity or constitutional institution within the meaning of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999);
(b) any municipality or municipal entity;
(c) provincial legislature;
(d) national Assembly or the national Council of provinces; or
(e) Parliament.

**Shareholder** means a person who owns shares in the company and is actively involved in the management of the enterprise or business and exercises control over the enterprise on a daily basis.
2.7 Are you or any person connected with the bidder presently employed by the state? YES / NO

2.7.1 If so, furnish the following particulars:

Name of person / director / trustee / shareholder/ member: ........................................
Name of state institution at which you or the person connected to the bidder is employed: ........................................
Position occupied in the state institution: ........................................

Any other particulars:
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2.7.2 If you are presently employed by the state, did you obtain the appropriate authority to undertake remunerative work outside employment in the public sector? YES / NO

2.7.2.1 If yes, did you attach proof of such authority to the bid document? YES / NO

(Note: Failure to submit proof of such authority, where applicable, will result in the disqualification of the bid.)

2.7.2.2 If no, furnish reasons for non-submission of such proof:
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2.8 Did you or your spouse, or any of the company’s directors / trustees / shareholders / members or their spouses conduct business with the state in the previous twelve months? YES / NO

2.8.1 If so, furnish particulars:
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2.9 Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have any relationship (family, friend, other) with a person employed by the state and who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid? YES / NO
2.9.1 If so, furnish particulars.

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2.10 Are you, or any person connected with the bidder, aware of any relationship (family, friend, other) between any other bidder and any person employed by the state who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid?

YES/NO

2.10.1 If so, furnish particulars.

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2.11 Do you or any of the directors / trustees / shareholders / members of the company have any interest in any other related companies whether or not they are bidding for this contract?

YES/NO

2.11.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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3 Full details of directors / trustees / members / shareholders.

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DECLARATION

I, THE UNDERSIGNED (NAME)........................................................................................................

CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN PARAGRAPHS 2 and 3 ABOVE IS CORRECT. I ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY REJECT THE BID OR ACT AGAINST ME IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 23 OF THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

........................................... .................................................................
Signature Date

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Position Name of bidder

April 2011
PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIM FORM IN TERMS OF THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS 2017

This preference form must form part of all bids invited. It contains general information and serves as a claim form for preference points for Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) Status Level of Contribution

NB: BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, BIDDERS MUST STUDY THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, DEFINITIONS AND DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE IN RESPECT OF B-BBEE, AS PRESCRIBED IN THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2011.

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

1.1 The following preference point systems are applicable to all bids:
   - the 80/20 system for requirements with a Rand value of up to R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included); and
   - the 90/10 system for requirements with a Rand value above R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included).

1.2 The value of this bid is estimated not to exceed R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included) and therefore the 80/20 preference point system shall be applicable.

1.3 Preference points for this bid shall be awarded for:
   (a) Price; and
   (b) B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution.

1.4 The maximum points for this bid are allocated as follows:

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1.5 Failure on the part of a bidder to submit a B-BBEE Verification Certificate from a Verification Agency accredited by the South African Accreditation System (SANAS), or a Registered Auditor approved by the Independent Regulatory Board of Auditors (IRBA) or a sworn affidavit confirming annual turnover and level of black ownership in case of an EME and QSE together with the bid, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for B-BBEE status level of contribution are not claimed.

1.6 The purchaser reserves the right to require of a bidder, either before a bid is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preferences, in any manner required by the purchaser.

2. DEFINITIONS

(a) "all applicable taxes" includes value-added tax, pay as you earn, income tax, unemployment insurance fund contributions and skills development levies;

(b) "B-BBEE" means broad-based black economic empowerment as defined in section 1 of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;

(c) "B-BBEE status level of contributor" means the B-BBEE status received by a measured entity based on its overall performance using the relevant scorecard...
contained in the Codes of Good Practice on Black Economic Empowerment, issued in terms of section 9(1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;

(d) "bid" means a written offer in a prescribed or stipulated form in response to an invitation by an organ of state for the provision of services, works or goods, through price quotations, advertised competitive bidding processes or proposals;

(e) "Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act" means the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 (Act No. 53 of 2003);

(f) "comparative price" means the price after the factors of a non-firm price and all unconditional discounts that can be utilized have been taken into consideration;

(g) "consortium or joint venture" means an association of persons for the purpose of combining their expertise, property, capital, efforts, skill and knowledge in an activity for the execution of a contract;

(h) "contract" means the agreement that results from the acceptance of a bid by an organ of state;

(i) "EME" means an Exempted Micro Enterprise as defines by Codes of Good Practice under section 9(1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 (Act No. 53 of 2003);

(j) "Firm price" means the price that is only subject to adjustments in accordance with the actual increase or decrease resulting from the change, imposition, or abolition of customs or excise duty and any other duty, levy, or tax, which, in terms of the law or regulation, is binding on the contractor and demonstrably has an influence on the price of any supplies, or the rendering costs of any service, for the execution of the contract;

(k) "functionality" means the measurement according to predetermined norms, as set out in the bid documents, of a service or commodity that is designed to be practical and useful, working or operating, taking into account, among other factors, the quality, reliability, viability and durability of a service and the technical capacity and ability of a bidder;

(l) "non-firm prices" means all prices other than "firm" prices;

(m) "person" includes a juristic person;

(n) "QSE" means a Qualifying Small Enterprise as defined by Codes of Good Practice under section 9(1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 (Act No. 53 of 2003);

(o) " Rand value" means the total estimated value of a contract in South African currency, calculated at the time of bid invitations, and includes all applicable taxes and excise duties;

(p) "sub-contract" means the primary contractor's assigning, leasing, making out work to, or employing, another person to support such primary contractor in the execution of part of a project in terms of the contract;

(q) "total revenue" bears the same meaning assigned to this expression in the Codes of Good Practice on Black Economic Empowerment, issued in terms of section 9(1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act and promulgated in the Government Gazette on 9 February 2007;

(r) "trust" means the arrangement through which the property of one person is made over or bequeathed to a trustee to administer such property for the benefit of another person; and

(s) "trustee" means any person, including the founder of a trust, to whom property is bequeathed in order for such property to be administered for the benefit of another person.
3. ADJUDICATION USING A POINT SYSTEM

3.1 The bidder obtaining the highest number of total points will be awarded the contract.

3.2 Preference points shall be calculated after prices have been brought to a comparative basis taking into account all factors of non-firm prices and all unconditional discounts.

3.3 Points scored must be rounded off to the nearest 2 decimal places.

3.4 In the event that two or more bids have scored equal total points, the successful bid must be the one scoring the highest number of preference points for B-BBEE.

3.5 However, when functionality is part of the evaluation process and two or more bids have scored equal points including equal preference points for B-BBEE, the successful bid must be the one scoring the highest score for functionality.

3.6 Should two or more bids be equal in all respects, the award shall be decided by the drawing of lots.

4. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

4.1 THE 80/20 OR 90/10 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

A maximum of 80 or 90 points is allocated for price on the following basis:

\[
P_{s} = 80 \left( 1 - \frac{P_{t} - P_{min}}{P_{min}} \right) \text{ or } P_{s} = 90 \left( 1 - \frac{P_{t} - P_{min}}{P_{min}} \right)
\]

Where

\[P_{s}\] = Points scored for comparative price of bid under consideration

\[P_{t}\] = Comparative price of bid under consideration

\[P_{min}\] = Comparative price of lowest acceptable bid

5. POINTS AWARDED FOR B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION

5.1 In terms of Regulation 5 (2) and 6 (2) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, preference points must be awarded to a bidder for attaining the B-BBEE status level of contribution in accordance with the table below:

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5.2 A bidder who qualifies as a EME in terms of the B-BBEE Act must submit a sworn affidavit confirming Annual Total Revenue and Level of Black Ownership.

5.3 A Bidder other than EME or QSE must submit their original and valid B-BBEE status level verification certificate or a certified copy thereof, substantiating their B-BBEE rating
issued by a Registered Auditor approved by IRBA or a Verification Agency accredited by SANAS.

5.4 A trust, consortium or joint venture, will qualify for points for their B-BBEE status level as a legal entity, provided that the entity submits their B-BBEE status level certificate.

5.5 A trust, consortium or joint venture will qualify for points for their B-BBEE status level as an unincorporated entity, provided that the entity submits their consolidated B-BBEE scorecard as if they were a group structure and that such a consolidated B-BBEE scorecard is prepared for every separate bid.

5.6 Tertiary Institutions and Public Entities will be required to submit their B-BBEE status level certificates in terms of the specialized scorecard contained in the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice.

5.7 A person will not be awarded points for B-BBEE status level if it is indicated in the bid documents that such a bidder intends sub-contracting more than 25% of the value of the contract to any other enterprise that does not qualify for at least the points that such a bidder qualifies for, unless the intended sub-contractor is an EME that has the capability and ability to execute the sub-contract.

5.8 A person awarded a contract may not sub-contract more than 25% of the value of the contract to any other enterprise that does not have an equal or higher B-BBEE status level than the person concerned, unless the contract is sub-contracted to an EME that has the capability and ability to execute the sub-contract.

6. BID DECLARATION

6.1 Bidders who claim points in respect of B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution must complete the following:

7. B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION CLAIMED IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPHS 1.4 AND 5.1

7.1 B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution: = .......(maximum of 10 or 20 points)

(Points claimed in respect of paragraph 7.1 must be in accordance with the table reflected in paragraph 5.1 and must be substantiated by means of a B-BBEE certificate issued by a Verification Agency accredited by SANAS or a Registered Auditor approved by IRBA or a sworn affidavit.

8. SUB-CONTRACTING

8.1 Will any portion of the contract be sub-contracted?

(Tick applicable box)

| YES | NO |

8.1.1 If yes, indicate:

i) What percentage of the contract will be subcontracted: %

ii) The name of the sub-contractor:

iii) The B-BBEE status level of the sub-contractor:

iv) Whether the sub-contractor is an EME.

(Tick applicable box)

| YES | NO |

9. DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

9.1 Name of company/firm:

9.2 VAT registration number:

9.3 Company registration number:
9.4 TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium
One person business/sole propriety
Close corporation
Company
(Pty) Limited

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

9.5 DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

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9.6 COMPANY CLASSIFICATION

Manufacturer
Supplier
Professional service provider
Other service providers, e.g. transporter, etc.

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

9.7 Total number of years the company/firm has been in business: ..............................................

9.8 I/we, the undersigned, who is / are duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the B-BBE status level of contribution indicated in paragraph 7 of the foregoing certificate, qualifies the company/firm for the preference(s) shown and I / we acknowledge that:

i) The information furnished is true and correct;

ii) The preference points claimed are in accordance with the General Conditions as indicated in paragraph 1 of this form;

iii) In the event of a contract being awarded as a result of points claimed as shown in paragraph 7, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the purchaser that the claims are correct;

iv) If the B-BBEE status level of contribution has been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the purchaser may, in addition to any other remedy it may have –

(a) disqualify the person from the bidding process;

(b) recover costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a result of that person's conduct;

(c) cancel the contract and claim any damages which it has suffered as a result of having to make less favourable arrangements due to such cancellation;

(d) restrict the bidder or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, from obtaining business from any organ of state for a period not exceeding 10 years, after the audi alteram partem (hear the other side) rule has been applied; and

(e) forward the matter for criminal prosecution.
WITNESSES
1. ............................................
2. ............................................

SIGNATURE(S) OF BIDDERS(S)

DATE: .............................................
ADDRESS ...........................................
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DECLARATION OF BIDDER’S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

1  This Standard Bidding Document must form part of all bids invited.

2  It serves as a declaration to be used by institutions in ensuring that when goods and services are being procured, all reasonable steps are taken to combat the abuse of the supply chain management system.

3  The bid of any bidder may be disregarded if that bidder, or any of its directors have-

   a. abused the institution’s supply chain management system;
   b. committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system; or
   c. failed to perform on any previous contract.

4  In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.

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CERTIFICATION

I, THE UNDERSIGNED (FULL NAME)....................................................
CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED ON THIS DECLARATION
FORM IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

I ACCEPT THAT, IN ADDITION TO CANCELLATION OF A CONTRACT,
ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST ME SHOULD THIS DECLARATION
PROVE TO BE FALSE.

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Signature                      Date

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Position                      Name of Bidder

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Department of Arts, Culture, Sport and Recreation
North West Provincial Government
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

"Terms of Reference"

Provision of Digital e-lending library subscription (E-books) for North West Provincial Library Services for a period of three (3) years

BID NUMBER: ACSR116/2019

Head Office: GAABOMOTHO BUILDING

Physical Address: 760 Dr James Moroka Drive
Gaabomotho Building

Telephone

Contact: Levy Segone

Email: lsegone@nwpg.gov.za
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1. INTRODUCTION

As per Schedule 5 (a) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, library services other than national are provincial competency. The Constitution therefore mandates CATA to provide library services to communities of the North West Province through local municipalities.

2. BACKGROUND

The Directorate of Library, Information and Archives Services in the Department renders library and information services to the community libraries in the local municipalities of the North West Province. One of the key responsibilities of the Directorate is the provision of library materials which include books and other formats which are purchased and processed centrally in Head Office and dispatched to District libraries for further distribution to community libraries.

A digital library is an electronic version of a regular library containing printed books and other formats. The intention of this kind of a library is to increase access of library and information service to more users. Publications such as
books, articles, journals, magazines or paper are stored and accessed electronically. Access can be done at a remote place through the internet by using a smartphone, a tablet, laptop or a desktop computer to a collection of electronic books to download. Downloaded material from a digital library will be stored on the patron’s device within a specified time until it disappears after the due date given by the system. Registered users in affiliated libraries will gain access to the digital library using library membership number and personal identification created by the system.

3. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

(i) STANDARD SPECIFICATION FOR DIGITAL LENDING LIBRARY SUBSCRIPTION (eBooks)

The following minimum specifications must be adhered to:

3.1. Digital Lending Library Subscription for Library Users

The Department of Culture, Arts and Traditional Affairs requires provision of a subscription service to a digital/electronic lending library, offering e-books, digital audiobooks and any other electronic media to all registered users of affiliated libraries to the North West Provincial Library Service. Service required includes application licence and hosting, maintenance and support as well as training.

3.2. Application service

- The digital lending library must be accessible to all community members who are registered users at all affiliated community library in the North West Province.
- The digital lending library must be accessible through a virtual library, set up at the North West Provincial Library.
- The virtual library should be accessible through the use of the Internet.
- The website should be North West Provincial Library Services branded.
- The digital lending library must be available to registered users of community libraries with compatible device using online password and their membership details.
3.3. Collection Requirements

The service provider must be able to provide access to e-books, digital audiobooks and any other electronic media that will satisfy the educational and informational needs of the community.

- The catalogue offered must be comprehensive and suitable to the needs of community library users in all categories (for adults and children)
- The catalogue must provide materials from a wide range of publishers including South African publishers.
- The service provider should provide regular updates of new publications.
- The catalogue should provide and maintain a minimum of 600,000 titles for users to choose from. New additions by the Department should replace the weeded ones.
- The catalogue should provide open-access to e-books allowing more than one user to the same copy at the same time.

3.4. Technology

- Support all major mobile devices (eReaders, smartphones and tablets)
- Digital rights management (copyright protection)
- Required bandwidth for all downloads
- Relevant applications for e-books, audiobooks, music and video

3.5. Support

- Provide training and support to library staff
- Provide secondary level user support
- Provide maintenance and hosting services.
- Provide customizable marketing resources to promote the service.

3.6. Management

- Administrator function
- Reporting module which includes statistics

3.7. Pricing

- Breakdown of the cost should include annual subscription rates for a three (3) years period.
- The subscription cost should allow for an annual credit of new publications.

"Terms of Reference" Digital lending library subscription
4. SCOPE OF WORK

- Provide subscription service to a digital/electronic lending library offering eBooks, digital audiobooks and any other electronic media to registered users of affiliated libraries of the North West Provincial Library Services.
- Provide application license and hosting
- Provide maintenance and support

5. OUTCOME AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

The outcome will be the provision of a subscription service to a digital/electronic lending library, offering e-books, digital audiobooks and any other electronic media to all registered users of affiliated libraries to the North West Provincial Library Service.

6. DELIVERABLES

The deliverables of the project are as follows:

- The service provider shall provide access to e-books, digital audiobooks and any other electronic media that will satisfy the educational and informational needs of the community including people with disabilities.
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- Provide relevant applications for e-books, audiobooks, music and video
- Provide training and support to library staff
- Provide secondary level user support
- Provide maintenance and hosting services.
7. TERM OF CONTRACT

- The successful bidder will enter into a contract with the Department.
- The contract is to be effected upon the date of the signatures on the contractual agreement between the Head of Department and the Service Provider and will run for a period of three (3) years from the date of awarding.

8. PAYMENTS AND PENALTIES

- Successful bidder will enter into an agreement with the Department which will detail payments and penalties.

9. CONTRACTUAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Contractual terms and conditions for the project will be in a form of a service level agreement which will detail the obligations of the service provider and other contractual agreements with the Department in the subscription service.

10. EVALUATION AND AWARD PROCESS

The Department will inform the successful bidder of the results of evaluation and adjudication as soon as the process is complete. All invitations to bid will undergo an evaluation and adjudication processes before successful service provider is awarded the contract with a letter signed by the Head of the Department.
The service providers should attend a meeting at CATA offices a week after the date of their appointments for a briefing and signing of the contract.

11. EVALUATION CRITERIA

The bid will be evaluated in two (2) stages:

(i) Evaluation based on functionality

(ii) Evaluation based on price and BBBEEE status level of contribution

a. FUNCTIONALITY

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The bid will first be evaluated on functionality according to the following criteria

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For a bid to be responsive the minimum points for functionality shall be **FIFTY POINTS** (50 Points). Any bid with less than fifty points will be disqualified and no further evaluation of the bid will be done.

For purposes of comparison and in order to ensure meaningful evaluation, bidders are requested to furnish detailed information in substantiation of compliance to functionality criteria mentioned. A bidder that scores less than 50 points in respect of functionality will be disqualified.

Compulsory verification will be conducted on point 1-3 of the functionality by the Department and false information provided will disqualify the bidder.

### b. PRICE & BBBEE STATUS

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CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

1 This Standard Bidding Document (SBD) must form part of all bids\(^1\) invited.

2 Section 4 (1) (b) (iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, prohibits an agreement between, or concerted practice by, firms, or a decision by an association of firms, if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if it involves collusive bidding (or bid rigging).\(^2\) Collusive bidding is a \textit{per se} prohibition meaning that it cannot be justified under any grounds.

3 Treasury Regulation 16A9 prescribes that accounting officers and accounting authorities must take all reasonable steps to prevent abuse of the supply chain management system and authorizes accounting officers and accounting authorities to:

   a. disregard the bid of any bidder if that bidder, or any of its directors have abused the institution’s supply chain management system and or committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system.

   b. cancel a contract awarded to a supplier of goods and services if the supplier committed any corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process or the execution of that contract.

4 This SBD serves as a certificate of declaration that would be used by institutions to ensure that, when bids are considered, reasonable steps are taken to prevent any form of bid-rigging.

5 In order to give effect to the above, the attached Certificate of Bid Determination (SBD 9) must be completed and submitted with the bid:

\(^1\) Includes price quotations, advertised competitive bids, limited bids and proposals.

\(^2\) Bid rigging (or collusive bidding) occurs when businesses, that would otherwise be expected to compete, secretly conspire to raise prices or lower the quality of goods and / or services for purchasers who wish to acquire goods and / or services through a bidding process. Bid rigging is, therefore, an agreement between competitors not to compete.
CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

I, the undersigned, in submitting the accompanying bid:

(Bid Number and Description)

in response to the invitation for the bid made by:

(Name of Institution)

do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:

I certify, on behalf of: ___________________________________________ that:

(Name of Bidder)

1. I have read and I understand the contents of this Certificate;

2. I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this Certificate is found not to be true and complete in every respect;

3. I am authorized by the bidder to sign this Certificate, and to submit the accompanying bid, on behalf of the bidder;

4. Each person whose signature appears on the accompanying bid has been authorized by the bidder to determine the terms of, and to sign the bid, on behalf of the bidder;

5. For the purposes of this Certificate and the accompanying bid, I understand that the word “competitor” shall include any individual or organization, other than the bidder, whether or not affiliated with the bidder, who:

(a) has been requested to submit a bid in response to this bid invitation;

(b) could potentially submit a bid in response to this bid invitation, based on their qualifications, abilities or experience; and

(c) provides the same goods and services as the bidder and/or is in the same line of business as the bidder
6. The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. However communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium\(^a\) will not be construed as collusive bidding.

7. In particular, without limiting the generality of paragraphs 6 above, there has been no consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor regarding:
   
   (a) prices;
   
   (b) geographical area where product or service will be rendered (market allocation)
   
   (c) methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices;
   
   (d) the intention or decision to submit or not to submit, a bid;
   
   (e) the submission of a bid which does not meet the specifications and conditions of the bid; or
   
   (f) bidding with the intention not to win the bid.

8. In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.

9. The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract.

\(^a\) Joint venture or Consortium means an association of persons for the purpose of combining their expertise, property, capital, efforts, skill and knowledge in an activity for the execution of a contract.
10. I am aware that, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided to combat any restrictive practices related to bids and contracts, bids that are suspicious will be reported to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties in terms of section 59 of the Competition Act No 89 of 1998 and or may be reported to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for criminal investigation and or may be restricted from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act No 12 of 2004 or any other applicable legislation.

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Signature                          Date

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Position

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Name of Bidder

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THE NATIONAL TREASURY

Republic of South Africa

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT:
GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

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NOTES

The purpose of this document is to:

(i) Draw special attention to certain general conditions applicable to government bids, contracts and orders; and
(ii) To ensure that clients be familiar with regard to the rights and obligations of all parties involved in doing business with government.

In this document words in the singular also mean in the plural and vice versa and words in the masculine also mean in the feminine and neuter.

- The General Conditions of Contract will form part of all bid documents and may not be amended.

- Special Conditions of Contract (SCC) relevant to a specific bid, should be compiled separately for every bid (if applicable) and will supplement the General Conditions of Contract. Whenever there is a conflict, the provisions in the SCC shall prevail.
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General Conditions of Contract

1. Definitions

1. The following terms shall be interpreted as indicated:

1.1 "Closing time" means the date and hour specified in the bidding documents for the receipt of bids.

1.2 "Contract" means the written agreement entered into between the purchaser and the supplier, as recorded in the contract form signed by the parties, including all attachments and appendices thereto and all documents incorporated by reference therein.

1.3 "Contract price" means the price payable to the supplier under the contract for the full and proper performance of his contractual obligations.

1.4 "Corrupt practice" means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of any thing of value to influence the action of a public official in the procurement process or in contract execution.

1.5 "Countervailing duties" are imposed in cases where an enterprise abroad is subsidized by its government and encouraged to market its products internationally.

1.6 "Country of origin" means the place where the goods were mined, grown or produced or from which the services are supplied. Goods are produced when, through manufacturing, processing or substantial and major assembly of components, a commercially recognized new product results that is substantially different in basic characteristics or in purpose or utility from its components.

1.7 "Day" means calendar day.

1.8 "Delivery" means delivery in compliance of the conditions of the contract or order.

1.9 "Delivery ex stock" means immediate delivery directly from stock actually on hand.

1.10 "Delivery into consignees store or to his site" means delivered and unloaded in the specified store or depot or on the specified site in compliance with the conditions of the contract or order, the supplier bearing all risks and charges involved until the supplies are so delivered and a valid receipt is obtained.

1.11 "Dumping" occurs when a private enterprise abroad market its goods on own initiative in the RSA at lower prices than that of the country of origin and which have the potential to harm the local industries in the
1.12 "Force majeure" means an event beyond the control of the supplier and not involving the supplier's fault or negligence and not foreseeable. Such events may include, but is not restricted to, acts of the purchaser in its sovereign capacity, wars or revolutions, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions and freight embargoes.

1.13 "Fraudulent practice" means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of any bidder, and includes collusive practice among bidders (prior to or after bid submission) designed to establish bid prices at artificial non-competitive levels and to deprive the bidder of the benefits of free and open competition.

1.14 "GCC" means the General Conditions of Contract.

1.15 "Goods" means all of the equipment, machinery, and/or other materials that the supplier is required to supply to the purchaser under the contract.

1.16 "Imported content" means that portion of the bidding price represented by the cost of components, parts or materials which have been or are still to be imported (whether by the supplier or his subcontractors) and which costs are inclusive of the costs abroad, plus freight and other direct importation costs such as landing costs, dock dues, import duty, sales duty or other similar tax or duty at the South African place of entry as well as transportation and handling charges to the factory in the Republic where the supplies covered by the bid will be manufactured.

1.17 "Local content" means that portion of the bidding price which is not included in the imported content provided that local manufacture does take place.

1.18 "Manufacture" means the production of products in a factory using labour, materials, components and machinery and includes other related value-adding activities.

1.19 "Order" means an official written order issued for the supply of goods or works or the rendering of a service.

1.20 "Project site," where applicable, means the place indicated in bidding documents.

1.21 "Purchaser" means the organization purchasing the goods.

1.22 "Republic" means the Republic of South Africa.

1.23 "SCC" means the Special Conditions of Contract.

1.24 "Services" means those functional services ancillary to the supply of the goods, such as transportation and any other incidental services, such as installation, commissioning, provision of technical assistance, training, catering, gardening, security, maintenance and other such
obligations of the supplier covered under the contract.

1.25 “Written” or “in writing” means handwritten in ink or any form of electronic or mechanical writing.

2. Application

2.1 These general conditions are applicable to all bids, contracts and orders including bids for functional and professional services, sales, hiring, letting and the granting or acquiring of rights, but excluding immovable property, unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents.

2.2 Where applicable, special conditions of contract are also laid down to cover specific supplies, services or works.

2.3 Where such special conditions of contract are in conflict with these general conditions, the special conditions shall apply.

3. General

3.1 Unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents, the purchaser shall not be liable for any expense incurred in the preparation and submission of a bid. Where applicable a non-refundable fee for documents may be charged.

3.2 With certain exceptions, invitations to bid are only published in the Government Tender Bulletin. The Government Tender Bulletin may be obtained directly from the Government Printer, Private Bag X85, Pretoria 0001, or accessed electronically from www.treasury.gov.za

4. Standards

4.1 The goods supplied shall conform to the standards mentioned in the bidding documents and specifications.

5. Use of contract documents and information; inspection.

5.1 The supplier shall not, without the purchaser’s prior written consent, disclose the contract, or any provision thereof, or any specification, plan, drawing, pattern, sample, or information furnished by or on behalf of the purchaser in connection therewith, to any person other than a person employed by the supplier in the performance of the contract. Disclosure to any such employed person shall be made in confidence and shall extend only so far as may be necessary for purposes of such performance.

5.2 The supplier shall not, without the purchaser’s prior written consent, make use of any document or information mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 except for purposes of performing the contract.

5.3 Any document, other than the contract itself mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 shall remain the property of the purchaser and shall be returned (all copies) to the purchaser on completion of the supplier’s performance under the contract if so required by the purchaser.

5.4 The supplier shall permit the purchaser to inspect the supplier’s records relating to the performance of the supplier and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the purchaser, if so required by the purchaser.

6. Patent rights

6.1 The supplier shall indemnify the purchaser against all third-party claims of infringement of patent, trademark, or industrial design rights arising from use of the goods or any part thereof by the purchaser.
7. Performance security

7.1 Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification of contract award, the successful bidder shall furnish to the purchaser the performance security of the amount specified in SCC.

7.2 The proceeds of the performance security shall be payable to the purchaser as compensation for any loss resulting from the supplier’s failure to complete his obligations under the contract.

7.3 The performance security shall be denominated in the currency of the contract, or in a freely convertible currency acceptable to the purchaser and shall be in one of the following forms:

(a) a bank guarantee or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a reputable bank located in the purchaser’s country or abroad, acceptable to the purchaser, in the form provided in the bidding documents or another form acceptable to the purchaser; or
(b) a cashier’s or certified cheque

7.4 The performance security will be discharged by the purchaser and returned to the supplier not later than thirty (30) days following the date of completion of the supplier’s performance obligations under the contract, including any warranty obligations, unless otherwise specified in SCC.

8. Inspections, tests and analyses

8.1 All pre-bidding testing will be for the account of the bidder.

8.2 If it is a bid condition that supplies to be produced or services to be rendered should at any stage during production or execution or on completion be subject to inspection, the premises of the bidder or contractor shall be open, at all reasonable hours, for inspection by a representative of the Department or an organization acting on behalf of the Department.

8.3 If there are no inspection requirements indicated in the bidding documents and no mention is made in the contract, but during the contract period it is decided that inspections shall be carried out, the purchaser shall itself make the necessary arrangements, including payment arrangements with the testing authority concerned.

8.4 If the inspections, tests and analyses referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 show the supplies to be in accordance with the contract requirements, the cost of the inspections, tests and analyses shall be defrayed by the purchaser.

8.5 Where the supplies or services referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 do not comply with the contract requirements, irrespective of whether such supplies or services are accepted or not, the cost in connection with these inspections, tests or analyses shall be defrayed by the supplier.

8.6 Supplies and services which are referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 and which do not comply with the contract requirements may be rejected.

8.7 Any contract supplies may on or after delivery be inspected, tested or
analyzed and may be rejected if found not to comply with the requirements of the contract. Such rejected supplies shall be held at the cost and risk of the supplier who shall, when called upon, remove them immediately at his own cost and forthwith substitute them with supplies which do comply with the requirements of the contract. Failing such removal the rejected supplies shall be returned at the suppliers cost and risk. Should the supplier fail to provide the substitute supplies forthwith, the purchaser may, without giving the supplier further opportunity to substitute the rejected supplies, purchase such supplies as may be necessary at the expense of the supplier.

8.8 The provisions of clauses 8.4 to 8.7 shall not prejudice the right of the purchaser to cancel the contract on account of a breach of the conditions thereof, or to act in terms of Clause 23 of GCC.

9. Packing

9.1 The supplier shall provide such packing of the goods as is required to prevent their damage or deterioration during transit to their final destination, as indicated in the contract. The packing shall be sufficient to withstand, without limitation, rough handling during transit and exposure to extreme temperatures, salt and precipitation during transit, and open storage. Packing, case size and weights shall take into consideration, where appropriate, the remoteness of the goods' final destination and the absence of heavy handling facilities at all points in transit.

9.2 The packing, marking, and documentation within and outside the packages shall comply strictly with such special requirements as shall be expressly provided for in the contract, including additional requirements, if any, specified in SCC, and in any subsequent instructions ordered by the purchaser.

10. Delivery and documents

10.1 Delivery of the goods shall be made by the supplier in accordance with the terms specified in the contract. The details of shipping and/or other documents to be furnished by the supplier are specified in SCC.

10.2 Documents to be submitted by the supplier are specified in SCC.

11. Insurance

11.1 The goods supplied under the contract shall be fully insured in a freely convertible currency against loss or damage incidental to manufacture or acquisition, transportation, storage and delivery in the manner specified in the SCC.

12. Transportation

12.1 Should a price other than an all-inclusive delivered price be required, this shall be specified in the SCC.

13. Incidental services

13.1 The supplier may be required to provide any or all of the following services, including additional services, if any, specified in SCC:

(a) performance or supervision of on-site assembly and/or commissioning of the supplied goods;
(b) furnishing of tools required for assembly and/or maintenance of the supplied goods;
(c) furnishing of a detailed operations and maintenance manual for each appropriate unit of the supplied goods;
(d) performance or supervision or maintenance and/or repair of the supplied goods, for a period of time agreed by the parties, provided that this service shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under this contract; and

(e) training of the purchaser's personnel, at the supplier's plant and/or on-site, in assembly, start-up, operation, maintenance, and/or repair of the supplied goods.

13.2 Prices charged by the supplier for incidental services, if not included in the contract price for the goods, shall be agreed upon in advance by the parties and shall not exceed the prevailing rates charged to other parties by the supplier for similar services.

14. Spare parts

14.1 As specified in SCC, the supplier may be required to provide any or all of the following materials, notifications, and information pertaining to spare parts manufactured or distributed by the supplier:

(a) such spare parts as the purchaser may elect to purchase from the supplier, provided that this election shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under the contract; and

(b) in the event of termination of production of the spare parts:
   (i) Advance notification to the purchaser of the pending termination, in sufficient time to permit the purchaser to procure needed requirements; and
   (ii) Following such termination, furnishing at no cost to the purchaser, the blueprints, drawings, and specifications of the spare parts, if requested.

15. Warranty

15.1 The supplier warrants that the goods supplied under the contract are new, unused, of the most recent or current models, and that they incorporate all recent improvements in design and materials unless provided otherwise in the contract. The supplier further warrants that all goods supplied under this contract shall have no defect, arising from design, materials, or workmanship (except when the design and/or material is required by the purchaser's specifications) or from any act or omission of the supplier, that may develop under normal use of the supplied goods in the conditions prevailing in the country of final destination.

15.2 This warranty shall remain valid for twelve (12) months after the goods, or any portion thereof as the case may be, have been delivered to and accepted at the final destination indicated in the contract, or for eighteen (18) months after the date of shipment from the port or place of loading in the source country, whichever period concludes earlier, unless specified otherwise in SCC.

15.3 The purchaser shall promptly notify the supplier in writing of any claims arising under this warranty.

15.4 Upon receipt of such notice, the supplier shall, within the period specified in SCC and with all reasonable speed, repair or replace the defective goods or parts thereof, without costs to the purchaser.

15.5 If the supplier, having been notified, fails to remedy the defect(s) within the period specified in SCC, the purchaser may proceed to take
such remedial action as may be necessary, at the supplier’s risk and expense and without prejudice to any other rights which the purchaser may have against the supplier under the contract.

16. Payment

16.1 The method and conditions of payment to be made to the supplier under this contract shall be specified in SCC.

16.2 The supplier shall furnish the purchaser with an invoice accompanied by a copy of the delivery note and upon fulfillment of other obligations stipulated in the contract.

16.3 Payments shall be made promptly by the purchaser, but in no case later than thirty (30) days after submission of an invoice or claim by the supplier.

16.4 Payment will be made in Rand unless otherwise stipulated in SCC.

17. Prices

17.1 Prices charged by the supplier for goods delivered and services performed under the contract shall not vary from the prices quoted by the supplier in his bid, with the exception of any price adjustments authorized in SCC or in the purchaser’s request for bid validity extension, as the case may be.

18. Contract amendments

18.1 No variation in or modification of the terms of the contract shall be made except by written amendment signed by the parties concerned.

19. Assignment

19.1 The supplier shall not assign, in whole or in part, its obligations to perform under the contract, except with the purchaser’s prior written consent.

20. Subcontracts

20.1 The supplier shall notify the purchaser in writing of all subcontracts awarded under this contracts if not already specified in the bid. Such notification, in the original bid or later, shall not relieve the supplier from any liability or obligation under the contract.

21. Delays in the supplier’s performance

21.1 Delivery of the goods and performance of services shall be made by the supplier in accordance with the time schedule prescribed by the purchaser in the contract.

21.2 If at any time during performance of the contract, the supplier or its subcontractor(s) should encounter conditions impeding timely delivery of the goods and performance of services, the supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of the fact of the delay, its likely duration and its cause(s). As soon as practicable after receipt of the supplier’s notice, the purchaser shall evaluate the situation and may at his discretion extend the supplier’s time for performance, with or without the imposition of penalties, in which case the extension shall be ratified by the parties by amendment of contract.

21.3 No provision in a contract shall be deemed to prohibit the obtaining of supplies or services from a national department, provincial department, or a local authority.

21.4 The right is reserved to procure outside of the contract small quantities or to have minor essential services executed if an emergency arises, the
supplier's point of supply is not situated at or near the place where the supplies are required, or the supplier's services are not readily available.

21.5 Except as provided under GCC Clause 25, a delay by the supplier in the performance of its delivery obligations shall render the supplier liable to the imposition of penalties, pursuant to GCC Clause 22, unless an extension of time is agreed upon pursuant to GCC Clause 21.2 without the application of penalties.

21.6 Upon any delay beyond the delivery period in the case of a supplies contract, the purchaser shall, without canceling the contract, be entitled to purchase supplies of a similar quality and up to the same quantity in substitution of the goods not supplied in conformity with the contract and to return any goods delivered later at the supplier's expense and risk, or to cancel the contract and buy such goods as may be required to complete the contract and without prejudice to his other rights, be entitled to claim damages from the supplier.

22. Penalties

22.1 Subject to GCC Clause 25, if the supplier fails to deliver any or all of the goods or to perform the services within the period(s) specified in the contract, the purchaser shall, without prejudice to its other remedies under the contract, deduct from the contract price, as a penalty, a sum calculated on the delivered price of the delayed goods or unperformed services using the current prime interest rate calculated for each day of the delay until actual delivery or performance. The purchaser may also consider termination of the contract pursuant to GCC Clause 23.

23. Termination for default

23.1 The purchaser, without prejudice to any other remedy for breach of contract, by written notice of default sent to the supplier, may terminate this contract in whole or in part:

(a) if the supplier fails to deliver any or all of the goods within the period(s) specified in the contract, or within any extension thereof granted by the purchaser pursuant to GCC Clause 21.2;
(b) if the supplier fails to perform any other obligation(s) under the contract, or
(c) if the supplier, in the judgment of the purchaser, has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or in executing the contract.

23.2 In the event the purchaser terminates the contract in whole or in part, the purchaser may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it deems appropriate, goods, works or services similar to those undelivered, and the supplier shall be liable to the purchaser for any excess costs for such similar goods, works or services. However, the supplier shall continue performance of the contract to the extent not terminated.

23.3 Where the purchaser terminates the contract in whole or in part, the purchaser may decide to impose a restriction penalty on the supplier by prohibiting such supplier from doing business with the public sector for a period not exceeding 10 years.

23.4 If a purchaser intends imposing a restriction on a supplier or any
person associated with the supplier, the supplier will be allowed a time period of not more than fourteen (14) days to provide reasons why the envisaged restriction should not be imposed. Should the supplier fail to respond within the stipulated fourteen (14) days the purchaser may regard the intended penalty as not objected against and may impose it on the supplier.

23.5 Any restriction imposed on any person by the Accounting Officer / Authority will, at the discretion of the Accounting Officer / Authority, also be applicable to any other enterprise or any partner, manager, director or other person who wholly or partly exercises or exercised or may exercise control over the enterprise of the first-mentioned person, and with which enterprise or person the first-mentioned person, is or was in the opinion of the Accounting Officer / Authority actively associated.

23.6 If a restriction is imposed, the purchaser must, within five (5) working days of such imposition, furnish the National Treasury, with the following information:
(i) the name and address of the supplier and / or person restricted by the purchaser;
(ii) the date of commencement of the restriction
(iii) the period of restriction; and
(iv) the reasons for the restriction.

These details will be loaded in the National Treasury’s central database of suppliers or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector.

23.7 If a court of law convicts a person of an offence as contemplated in sections 12 or 13 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, No. 12 of 2004, the court may also rule that such person’s name be endorsed on the Register for Tender Defaulters. When a person’s name has been endorsed on the Register, the person will be prohibited from doing business with the public sector for a period not less than five years and not more than 10 years. The National Treasury is empowered to determine the period of restriction and each case will be dealt with on its own merits. According to section 32 of the Act the Register must be open to the public. The Register can be perused on the National Treasury website.

24. Anti-dumping and countervailing duties and rights

24.1 When, after the date of bid, provisional payments are required, or anti-dumping or countervailing duties are imposed, or the amount of a provisional payment or anti-dumping or countervailing right is increased in respect of any dumped or subsidized import, the State is not liable for any amount so required or imposed, or for the amount of any such increase. When, after the said date, such a provisional payment is no longer required or any such anti-dumping or countervailing right is abolished, or where the amount of such provisional payment or any such right is reduced, any such favourable difference shall on demand be paid forthwith by the contractor to the State or the State may deduct such amounts from moneys (if any) which may otherwise be due to the contractor in regard to supplies or services which he delivered or rendered, or is to deliver or render in terms of the contract or any other contract or any other amount which
may be due to him

25. Force Majeure

25.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of GCC Clauses 22 and 23, the supplier shall not be liable for forfeiture of its performance security, damages, or termination for default if and to the extent that his delay in performance or other failure to perform his obligations under the contract is the result of an event of force majeure.

25.2 If a force majeure situation arises, the supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of such condition and the cause thereof. Unless otherwise directed by the purchaser in writing, the supplier shall continue to perform its obligations under the contract as far as is reasonably practical, and shall seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by the force majeure event.

26. Termination for Insolvency

26.1 The purchaser may at any time terminate the contract by giving written notice to the supplier if the supplier becomes bankrupt or otherwise insolvent. In this event, termination will be without compensation to the supplier, provided that such termination will not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy which has accrued or will accrue thereafter to the purchaser.

27. Settlement of Disputes

27.1 If any dispute or difference of any kind whatsoever arises between the purchaser and the supplier in connection with or arising out of the contract, the parties shall make every effort to resolve amicably such dispute or difference by mutual consultation.

27.2 If, after thirty (30) days, the parties have failed to resolve their dispute or difference by such mutual consultation, then either the purchaser or the supplier may give notice to the other party of his intention to commence with mediation. No mediation in respect of this matter may be commenced unless such notice is given to the other party.

27.3 Should it not be possible to settle a dispute by means of mediation, it may be settled in a South African court of law.

27.4 Mediation proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of procedure specified in the SCC.

27.5 Notwithstanding any reference to mediation and/or court proceedings herein,

(a) the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under the contract unless they otherwise agree; and
(b) the purchaser shall pay the supplier any monies due the supplier.

28. Limitation of Liability

28.1 Except in cases of criminal negligence or willful misconduct, and in the case of infringement pursuant to Clause 6;
(a) the supplier shall not be liable to the purchaser, whether in contract, tort, or otherwise, for any indirect or consequential loss or damage, loss of use, loss of production, or loss of profits or interest costs, provided that this exclusion shall not apply to any obligation of the supplier to pay penalties and/or damages to the purchaser; and
(b) the aggregate liability of the supplier to the purchaser, whether under the contract, in tort or otherwise, shall not exceed the total contract price, provided that this limitation shall not apply to the cost of repairing or replacing defective equipment.

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